

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**DOCKET NO. 2016-180-C**

Application of South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC d/b/a Spirit Communications to Amend Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services, and for Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange Services

South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC d/b/a Spirit Communications (Spirit or the Company) has filed an Application to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services throughout the State of South Carolina. Additionally, Spirit requests that the Commission regulate its local exchange telecommunications services in the State in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Page two of the Application describes the Company's proposed services which include, but are not limited to the following: facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services using both existing and new fiber facilities of its affiliate PalmettoNet, Inc. and special access facilities purchased from other providers and local exchange services, custom calling, and Voice over Internet Protocol features comparable to custom local area signaling services features. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2016-180-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Carrie L. DeVier, Esquire, Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, 2732 Wheat St., Columbia, SC 29205.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Monday, August 01, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.**, before a Hearing Examiner in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 6, 2016**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2016-180-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **June 6, 2016**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2016-180-C.***

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenor only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **6/20/2016**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **7/5/2016**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **7/12/2016**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **7/19/2016**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under ***Docket No. 2016-180-C***.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and ***Docket No. 2016-180-C***.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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